GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH)
LOK SABHA

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Funds for Research and Development under AYUSH
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Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided funds for the development of infrastructure and Research and Development and training facilities to prepare and promote AYUSH system of medicines in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Government has signed a MoU with Dr. MGR Medical University, Tamil Nadu for Research and Development under AYUSH system of medicines and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any requests during the last three years from certain States including Tamil Nadu in this regard and if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes any special scheme for the cultivation of natural herbs and medicinal plants in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked and allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a): Ministry of AYUSH has set-up five autonomous Research Councils, namely, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Central Council for Research in Homoeopahty (CCRH), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) as apex bodies for formulation, coordination, development and promotion of research activities in traditional medicine systems for various diseases. A total of 82 institutes are functioning under these councils out of which eight institutes are functioning in the state of Tamil Nadu. The list of 82 institutes is at Annexure-I.
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(b): Yes, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CCRS and Dr. MGR Medical University, Tamil Nadu has been signed on 13th February, 2017 to develop new collaborative research programme of mutual interest and benefit.

(c): Ministry of AYUSH has obtained a cost free land near Bhubaneswar from State Government of Odisha for construction of a CRI. In addition to this, State Governments of West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan have also offered land for construction of CRIs in their states. Government of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu has requested the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) to open Research Institutes in Bangalore and Tirupati respectively.

(d) & (e): National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH is implementing the cultivation programme towards promotion of medicinal plants cultivation throughout the country since 2008-09 under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "National Mission on Medicinal Plants" and "National AYUSH Mission (NAM)" since 2015-16. The scheme is primarily aimed at supporting market driven cultivation of medicinal plants on private land with backward linkages through establishment of nurseries for supply of quality planting material, and forward linkages for post-harvest management viz. collection, storage, primary processing, marketing infrastructure etc. The cultivation of medicinal plants is supported by providing subsidy to farmers through the identified implementing agency of concerned states. The details of fund earmarked and allocated for the last three years are given at Annexure-II.
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